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THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM:—" (a) It is not known to which scheme the hon. Member is referring to. Two schemes, viz., (1) maintenance by a survey staff and (2) reduction of the number of maintainable stones in the triangles areas, are still in an experimental stage.

" (b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to Appendices VI to VIII to the Administration Report relating to Survey, Settlement and the Maintenance of Revenue Records and Registration for the official year 1937–38 which has been published.

" (c) This question cannot be answered as fresh items requiring repairs and renewal are constantly being reported."

Damages caused by cyclone in East and West Godavari and Kistna and relief measures taken.

* 96-A *Q.*—SRI P. PEDDI RAJU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased—

(a) to place before the House the reports of Collectors of the districts of East Godavari, West Godavari and Kistna regarding the damage caused by the recent cyclone on 25th November; and to state

(b) the extent of the damage caused in each of those districts on account of rain and wind;

(c) the measures adopted for the relief of the people that suffered thereby;

(d) whether the Government have decided to grant remission and if so, to what extent;

(e) whether the Government have sanctioned any additional staff for the detailed investigation of the loss caused thereby; and

(f) whether the Government have recognized that more damage resulted owing to defective drainage in the delta?

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM:—" (a) The Government will consider the question of placing the reports on the table of the House as soon as complete reports of damage are received. 11-30 a.m.

" (b) Complete details are not available.

" (c) The Government have sanctioned a grant of Rs. 10,000 to each of the districts of Kistna and West Godavari. A grant of Rs. 3,000 has been made to East Godavari district. The amount will be utilized to relieve real distress. Arrangements were made on the spot by the Collector for the provision of food and the supply of hutting materials where necessary.

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"(*d*) Remissions can be granted under the ordinary rules by the district authorities. But no proposals for the grant of remissions beyond that provided for under the ordinary rules have been received.

"(*e*) The Government have sanctioned 18 and 13 special Revenue Inspectors for azmoish on damaged fields in the West Godavari and Kistna districts respectively. No application for additional staff has been received from East Godavari district.

"(*f*) The information received by Government is not sufficient to justify any conclusion in this respect."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Improvements to the drainage of Nadagudi, Nannilam taluk, and maintenance of normal supply level of Valappar below 40 feet.

21 *Q.*—SRI RAO BAHADUR N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is fact that improvements to the drainage of Nadagudi, Nannilam taluk, sanctioned in G.O. No. 1946 I., dated 4th September 1934, were executed for the purpose of keeping the N.S.L. of Valappar below 40 feet at the infall of Nadagudi drainage during south-west monsoon time;

(*b*) whether the N.S.L. of Valappar is so being kept so ever since the completion of works;

(*c*) whether the Executive Engineer, Cauvery division, advised the Nadagudi ryots to watch the results of the works;

(*d*) whether any representation was made to Public Works Department by the Nadagudi ryots on the results of the improvement works; and

(*e*) what action has been taken or proposed to be taken on such representation?

A.—(*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) The N.S.L. of Valappar has sometimes been above 40.00 when there is great demand for water during transplantation. From 1st October onwards the supply in the river is given by turns and the supply is entirely cut off during the north-east monsoon season. Even during July, August and September prompt action is taken to reduce the level to below 40.00 to facilitate drainage of Nadagudi lands.

(*c*) & (*d*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*e*) It is proposed to investigate the matter further and to carry out remedial measures possible during next closure.